

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An offset printing press includes a first plate cylinder, a first blanket cylinder for selectively contacting the first plate cylinder, an anilox inker for inking the first plate cylinder, and a first motor directly connected to the anilox inker for driving the anilox inker and connected to the first plate cylinder for driving the first plate cylinder. A second print couple has a second plate cylinder and a second blanket cylinder for selectively contacting the second plate cylinder. A second anilox inker inks the second plate cylinder and a second motor directly connected to the second anilox inker drives the second anilox inker and is connected to the second plate cylinder for driving the second plate cylinder. Blanket cylinders are either driven by their own third motor or via gear transmission from the first or second motors.